IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown below:

1.   (Amended)   In a portable electronic device, a method for automatically delivering a phone call, said method comprising the steps of:

a)   monitoring for incoming phone calls by a background task of said operating system of said device, said background task interfacing directly with the telephony functionality of said device, said background task always active, said operating system including at least one graphical user interface;

b)   detecting said incoming phone call by said background task;

c)   notifying said operating system of said incoming phone call by said background task; and

d)   said background task notifying the user of said device of said incoming phone call irrespective of the user's activity on said device.

14.   (Amended)   A method for automatically delivering a phone call to a device, said method comprising the steps of:

a)   monitoring for incoming phone calls by a task of said operating system of said device, said task interfacing directly with the telephony functionality of said device, said task always remaining active irrespective of the activities of said operating system;

b)   receiving said incoming phone call by said task; and

c)   said task notifying the user of said device of said incoming phone call irrespective of the user's activity on said device.

23.   (Amended)   A system for automatically delivering a phone call to a device, said system comprising:

a processor coupled to a bus and a display screen coupled to said bus;

a cellular phone mechanism;

a memory unit coupled to said bus and having stored therein an operating system executed by said processor and a background task executed by said processor, said operating system including at least one graphical user interface; where said background task performs to the steps of

a)   monitoring for incoming phone calls by a background task of said operating system of said device, said background task interfacing directly with the telephony functionality of said device, said background task always active, said operating system including at least one graphical user interface;

b)   detecting said incoming phone call by said background task;

c)   notifying said operating system of said incoming phone call by said background task; and

d)   said background task notifying the user of said device of said incoming phone call irrespective of the user's activity on said device.